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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____   |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The following are each a double inclusion of an element, i.e. the element is being reintroduced into the claims: claim 1, lines 7, 8 and 10-12, “two fixed points”, “one fixed point”, “windshield vents” and “center vents”.

In claim 2, line 1, “said hooked device” is unclear insofar as a plurality of hooked devices were previously defined in the claims.

In claim 2, lines 1 and 2, “said hooked device which is an article” lacks antecedent basis in the claims.

In claim 2, last two lines, “a gap of said vents” and “an edge or bridge of said vents” is unclear insofar as all of the vents do not include a single common gap, edge or bridge, i.e. a single gap, edge or bridge appears to be located in only one of the plurality of vents.

Part (b) of claim 3 is unclear with respect to whether the step includes securing the devices on the vents or whether the step is providing devices which are capable of being secured on the vents, i.e. whether the step involves the action of securing the devices on the vents or not. Part (c) appears to be defining the fastening as an intended use rather than a positive recitation of the securement (“for fastening said holder on the dashboard”).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1 and 2, and claim 3, as best understood in view of paragraph 1 above, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Tyrer (fig. 7 emb). Tyrer discloses a container or holder including three cords or ropes with hooks at the ends. No distinction is seen between the container or holder claimed and that shown in Tyrer as a result of the claimed intended use of the hooks to secure the container or holder to the windshield vents and center vents of a vehicle, i.e. the container or holder of Tyrer is considered capable of being fastened to the vents. Also, with respect to claims 1 and 2, no distinction is seen between the holder or container claimed and that of Tyrer as a result of the claimed intended use of the holder to become a handbag or shoulder bag once released from a dashboard, i.e. the bag of Tyrer is capable of being carrier over the shoulder or by hand once released from the vehicle.

4. An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

Applicant is advised of the availability of the publication "Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office." This publication is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Also, Applicant may contact the Examiner at the telephone number below to arrange an interview pursuant to obtaining constructive assistance with the application.

### ***Conclusion***

The remaining cited prior art is illustrative of the general state of the art.

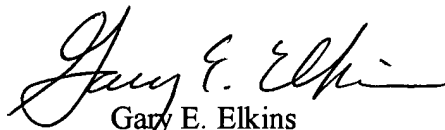
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to Gary Elkins at telephone number (571)272-4537. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Lee Young can be reached at (571)272-4549.

  
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